

the Division of Tropical Diseases of the NIH. In 1955, Congress renamed the Institute as the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, recognizing the need for a coordinated scientific research program on infectious, allergic, and immunologic diseases.

Research supported by the Institute has resulted in numerous important advances, including the development of vaccines that have prevented the death of millions of Americans, new treatments to fight the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and novel interventions that have reduced the burden of childhood asthma.

Much remains to be done, however. Infectious diseases remain the world's leading cause of death, and the third leading cause of death in the United States, and immune-mediated diseases such as asthma are a leading cause of disability and lost productivity. NIAID continues to lead the way in developing new ways to reduce the toll of these diseases.

I am introducing this resolution today to demonstrate the support of the United States House of Representatives for the NIAID, the NIH, and all of the dedicated professionals who have devoted their lives to improving the quality of the Nation's health.

#### REMARKS ON THE ATLANTA BRAVES

#### HON. NEWT GINGRICH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 1998*

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I gladly accept the challenge of my distinguished colleague, DUKE CUNNINGHAM.

While I respect his personal faith about the San Diego Padres, I also know that sometimes faith is not enough. And this year that saying will have to comfort the gentleman from California as he watches the Atlanta Braves win the National League Championship.

My dear Colleague from San Diego offered three reasons for his faith in the San Diego Padres.

I would like to offer my reasons for knowing the Atlanta Braves will win:

- (1) Cy Young award winner John Smoltz is 17 and 3 with a 2.90 era
- (2) Cy Young award winner Tom Glavine is 20 and 6 with a 4.47 era
- (3) Four time Cy Young award winner Greg Maddux is 18 and 9 with a 2.22 era
- (4) Danny Neagle is 16 and 11 with a 3.55 era, and
- (5) Rookie Kevin Millwood is 17 and 8 with a 4.08 era

The Padres may have Greg Vaughn, but the Atlanta Braves have Andres Galarraga with 44 home runs, Javier Lopez and Chipper Jones with 34, and Andruw Jones with 31—not to forget three other players with over 100 home runs.

The Braves' team batting average against the Padres was .259 vs. .209 for the Padres. The Braves outscored San Diego 34 to 29, had 17 more hits, five more home runs, 3 more stolen bases, and 8 more strikeouts.

And while Tony Gwynn is indeed impressive, he only batted .321 this year, while the Braves starters include Chipper Jones (.313), Andres Galarraga (.305), and Gerald Williams (.305). The Braves also out hit the Padres at almost every position, including pitcher.

Atlanta, the beautiful "capital" of the South, is blessed with many benefits, but having the Braves as their home team is one of the best. It is hard to beat Southern culture and great baseball.

In light of this, I not only accept the distinguished gentleman's challenge, I raise him: If the San Diego Padres win, I will give 100 pounds of fabulous southern BBQ to a homeless shelter in the gentleman's district.

And of course, if the Braves win, I will ensure that the gentleman from California's seat on the Appropriations Committee is secure despite this direct challenge. Now if the Padres win. . . .

#### U.S. NEEDS FAST TRACK AUTHORITY TO REMAIN GLOBAL LEADER

#### HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 1998*

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago I spoke before this House in favor of renewing fast track trade authority for the President. I called for my colleagues to choose statesmanship over politics and vote for this important legislation simply because it is the right thing to do and they know it.

I was deeply saddened that we did not have the support of the White House and many key Democrats in that fight—Democrats who typically understand the importance of fast track for opening new markets for U.S. farmers and exporters. I was saddened they were too concerned about the timing of passing the legislation and not the fact that their constituents need it, America's farmers need it, small businesses need it and consumers need it.

Mr. Speaker, I am more than saddened today. I am completely perplexed and frustrated. Yesterday, President Clinton spoke before International Monetary Fund and World Bank officials and called for expanded trade for next year and strategies to spur economic growth. I am very glad to hear him say these things, but his speech is a bit hypocritical.

It moves me to ask why the President will promote fast track authority renewal in January and wouldn't just two weeks ago? How is it the President can say it is "inexcusable and reckless to hold up [IMF] money based on other issues at a time when the world needs U.S. leadership?

President Clinton's failure to be engaged in the recent fast track debate directly contributed to its demise at a time when U.S. exporters needed his leadership—and the international economy needs U.S. leadership. I want my constituents to know that I have concerns about IMF funding because of, in the words of my colleague from Florida, Rep. STEARNS, "the countless evidence of the malfeasance and mismanagement of IMF."

Mr. Speaker, my concerns have nothing to do with what time of the year it is or because certain advocacy groups have threatened political ramifications. My concerns have to do with pure policy issues and a true desire to see U.S. taxpayer dollars used appropriately.

And on the issue of taxes, I don't think I could say it better than Senator ROTH: "Why should we expect Japan to push through a KEMP-ROTH style tax reduction . . . when the White House opposes any domestic tax rate cut that would spur growth?"

Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that politics have replaced real leadership at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. America needs to be a strong leader out in the global market place. We need to set the parameters of debates and make sure we are included in market access agreements that would benefit our farmers and businessmen and women. America needs fast track trade authority and a President who truly wants it.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD K. BOYD, JR.

#### HON. ED WHITFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 1998*

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a friend and distinguished former Kentuckian, Mr. Richard K. Boyd, Jr., who is retiring this month after 32 years of dedicated service with Westvaco Corporation.

As Manager of Government Relations and various executive capacities during his career at Westvaco, Mr. Boyd diligently exercised his professional stake in civic affairs. As a private citizen of Kentucky for 24 years, he faithfully demonstrated his deep sense of personal responsibility for civic involvement.

For much of his career, Dick Boyd lived and worked in Wickliffe, Kentucky, where he and his wife Malinda raised their three daughters—Anne, Gretchen and Rebecca. His arrival in Wickliffe pre-dates the Westvaco Fine Papers mill, a major employer and contributor to the economic development of western Kentucky. The growth of the mill and the company's good relationship with the community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky are a part of the legacy of Dick Boyd's career and his life in our state.

In 1988, Dick served in Kentucky State Government as Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet for Economic Development. His dedication to family, friends and neighbors is worthy of recognition.

Dick Boyd has performed his duties representing Westvaco and its operations in the First Congressional District of Kentucky with honesty and integrity. He is a valued friend and a good citizen whose national corporate responsibilities have never diminished his concern for and dedication to the economic and civic progress of the people of western Kentucky. On their behalf, I take this opportunity to congratulate Richard K. Boyd, Jr. on his successful and distinguished career and extend best wishes for his retirement.

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. MARY P. SMITH, AN ARDENT LEMONADE MAKER

#### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 7, 1998*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, if we are lucky we have come in contact with a person who instinctively makes lemonade out of the lemons of life. There is such a woman in my district who is being honored on Thursday, October 8. She is Dr. Mary Smith. Thirty years ago Dr. Smith saw a need for day care programs in